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## New classified document found in FBI search of Pence home

By JILL COLVIN and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The FBI discovered an additional document with classified markings at former Vice President Mike Pence's Indiana home during a search Friday, following the discovery by his lawyers last month of sensitive government documents there.

Pence adviser Devin O'Malley said the Department of Justice completed "a thorough and unrestricted search of five hours" and removed "one document with classified markings and six additional pages without such markings that were not discovered in the initial review by the vice president's counsel."

The search, described as consensual after negotiations between Pence's representatives and the Justice Department, comes after he was subpoenaed in a separate investigation into efforts by former President Donald Trump to overturn the 2020 election and as Pence contemplates a Republican bid for the White House in 2024. Pence is now the third current or former top U.S. official, joining Trump and President Joe Biden, to have their homes scoured by FBI agents for classified records.



Police secure the entrance to the neighborhood of former Vice President Mike Pence's Indiana home, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 in Carmel, Ind.

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The willingness of Pence and Biden to permit the FBI to search their homes, and to present themselves as fully cooperative, reflects a desire by both to avoid the drama that enveloped Trump last year and resulted in the Justice Department having to get a warrant to inspect his Florida property.

Police blocked the road outside Pence's neighborhood in Carmel, just north of Indianapolis, on Friday afternoon as the FBI was inside the home. They were seen leaving shortly after 2 p.m. Pence and his wife were out of state, visiting family on the West Coast following the birth of their second and third grandchildren.

A member of Pence's legal team was at the home during the search and the



Former Vice President Mike Pence speaks during an interview with The Associated Press, Nov. 16, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

in refusing to turn over the documents before the FBI seizure.

The FBI recovered more than 100 documents marked classified while serving a search warrant at Mar-a-Lago last August.

The circumstances of the Biden and Pence cases are markedly different from that of Trump.

Pence, according to his lawyer Greg Jacob, had requested a review by his attorneys of records stored at his home "out of an abundance of caution" during the uproar over the discovery of classified documents at Biden's home and former private office. When the Pence documents were discovered on Jan. 16 among four boxes that had been transferred to Pence's home during the transition, Jacob said, they were secured in a locked safe and reported to the National Archives. FBI agents then collected them.

Material found in the boxes came mostly from the Naval Observatory residence where Pence lived while he was vice president. Other material came from a West Wing office drawer.

Pence has said he was unaware the documents had been in his possession.

"Let me be clear: Those classified documents should not have been in my personal residence," Pence said recently at Florida International University. "Mistakes were made, and I take full responsibility."

"We acted above politics and put national interests first," he said.

The National Archives last month asked former U.S. presidents and vice presidents to recheck their personal records for any classified documents following news of the Biden and Pence discoveries.

The Presidential Records Act states that any records created or received by the president while in office are the property of the U.S. government and will be managed by the Archives at the end of an administration. □

FBI was given what was described as unrestricted access to search for documents with classified markings, documents that could be classified but without markings and any other documents subject to the Presidential Records Act.

O'Malley said Pence has directed his legal team to continue to cooperate with the DOJ and "to be fully transparent through the conclusion of this matter."

The FBI had already taken possession of what Pence's lawyer previously described as a "small number of documents" that had been "inadvertently boxed and transported" to Pence's Indiana home at the end of the Trump administration.

The Justice Department did not immediately return a call seeking comment. Separate special counsels have been investigating the discovery of documents with classification markings at Biden's home in Delaware and his former Washington office, as well as Trump's Florida estate. Officials are trying to determine whether Trump or anyone on his team criminally obstructed the probe

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## EPA awards \$1B to clean up 22 toxic waste sites nationwide

By MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Projects to clean up 22 toxic waste sites across the country will receive \$1 billion from the federal Superfund program to help clear a backlog of hazardous sites such as landfills, mines and manufacturing facilities, the Environmental Protection Agency said Friday. The money is the second installment in \$3.5 billion appropriated under the 2021 infrastructure law signed by President Joe Biden. Sites targeted for cleanup include a lead-contaminated neighborhood on Atlanta's Westside and a former dry cleaning solvents distributor in Tampa, Florida. The money also will be used to speed cleanup of 100 ongoing Superfund projects across the United States, the EPA said. The agency has vowed to clear a long-time backlog in the Superfund program, which was established in 1980 to clean up sites contaminated with hazardous substances. The program has languished for years because of a lack of



**Environmental Protection Agency administrator Michael Regan speaks to reporters after President Joe Biden talked about his infrastructure agenda while announcing funding to upgrade Philadelphia's water facilities and replace lead pipes, Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Belmont Water Treatment Center in Philadelphia.**  
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The EPA announced an initial \$1 billion in funding from the infrastructure law in December 2021.

While the agency is moving faster to clean up contaminated sites in communities across the country, "our work is not yet finished," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement Friday. "We're continuing to build on this momentum to ensure that communities living near many of the

most serious uncontrolled or abandoned releases of contamination finally get the investments and protections they deserve."

Of the new cleanup sites announced on Friday, 60% are in low-income or minority communities that are chronically over-polluted, Regan said.

Thousands of contaminated sites exist across the country as a result of hazardous waste being dumped — often illegally

— left out in the open, or otherwise improperly managed, including in manufacturing facilities, processing plants, landfills and mining sites.

Superfund cleanups help transform contaminated properties and create jobs in overburdened communities, while repurposing these sites for a wide range of uses, including public parks, retail businesses, office space, homes and solar power generation, EPA said.

Besides the Atlanta and Tampa projects, money also will go to a groundwater contamination site in Indianapolis, a former tannery in Danvers, Massachusetts, and a former metal stamping and tool and die shop near St. Louis. The funding also includes new cleanup of a former General Motors foundry in Upstate New York that has been on the Superfund list since 1984. The site in Massena has long been contaminated by toxic chemicals known as PCBs and other pollutants.

In all, new projects in 14

states and Puerto Rico will receive funding, EPA said.

About \$50 million will go to clean up lead contamination in a residential neighborhood in Atlanta. The Westside project has been waiting for years to access federal funds. Experts say it's unclear exactly where the lead came from, but it is likely from metal foundries that were once common on Atlanta's Westside.

The cleanup money "couldn't come soon enough," Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., said on a conference call Friday with Regan and other officials. "This accelerated timeline would not be possible without this historic investment." Similarly, a project in Tampa was identified as a Superfund site in 1999 but remains contaminated, said Rep. Kathy Castor, D-Fla.

The site is near where she and her husband got married, Castor said. In an apparent nod to Warnock's status as a pastor, Castor said that while "it's important to have faith, there's nothing like having resources" to clean up pollution. □

## U.S. jet shoots down unknown object flying off Alaska coast

By ZEKE MILLER and COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A U.S. military fighter jet shot down an unknown object flying off the coast of Alaska on Friday on orders from President Joe Biden, White House officials said. The object was flying at about 40,000 feet and posed a "reasonable threat" to the safety of civilian flights, said John Kirby, White House National Security Council spokesman. He described the object as roughly the size of a small car and said it was shot down near the U.S.-Canada border.

It was the second time in a week U.S. officials had downed some type of flying object over the U.S. On Saturday fighter jets fired a missile into a suspected

Chinese spy balloon off the coast of South Carolina.

There were few answers about the object, and the White House drew distinctions between the two episodes. Kirby said it wasn't yet known who owned it, and he did not say it was a balloon. Officials also couldn't say if there was any surveillance equipment on it. Kirby didn't know yet where it came from or what its purpose was.

Still, it posed enough of a concern that U.S. officials felt it best to knock it out of the sky.

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Kirby said fighter pilots visually examining the object ascertained it was not manned. The president was briefed on the presence of the object Thursday evening after two fighter jets surveilled it.

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# U.N. human rights chief calls for special forces to Haiti

By **DÁNICA COTO** and **EVENS SANON**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— The U.N.'s human rights chief on Friday urged the international community to consider deploying a specialized armed force to Haiti, warning that violent gangs are creating a "living nightmare" for thousands of people.

The appeal from U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Volker Türk came at the end of a two-day visit to Haiti at the request of a government unable to control gangs that are killing, raping and pillaging in a growing number of neighborhoods. Violence has spiked in the impoverished country since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

"It is time for the international community to help the Haitian authorities regain full control so this suffering can be stopped," Türk said.

He added that since multiple crises around the world are competing for attention, he fears that "the situation in Haiti is not receiving



**United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk, center, gives a press conference in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023.**

the urgent spotlight that it deserves."

Shortly after Türk held a news conference, the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti released a 24-page report on what it described as mass incidents of murder, gang rapes and sniper attacks in Cite Soleil, Haiti's biggest slum. It is in the capital of Port-au-Prince.

"The findings of this report

are horrifying," Türk said. "It paints a picture of how people are being harassed and terrorized by criminal gangs for months without the state being able to stop it."

The report said that from last July 8 to Dec. 31, at least 263 people were killed and at least 57 women and girls were raped in just one neighborhood within Cite Soleil known as Brooklyn.

That area became ground zero for intense fighting between warring gangs.

During that time, the report said, residents lived in "an almost permanent climate of terror due to the use of snipers that killed, at random, any person who passed in their field of vision."

Officials added that snipers would stand on schools and other buildings during

broad daylight to attack innocent residents, with an average of six people killed or wounded every week. Among the targets were at least 17 women and several children, the youngest just 8 years old.

Gang members also entered houses at random in rival territory, killing at least 95 people this way, including six children, one of whom was 2 years old, the report said. People who tried to flee the violence were killed at makeshift checkpoints.

"It is important to emphasize ... that this violence and these abuses are not committed randomly but are motivated by the interest of political actors in controlling territories," the report said.

Officials noted that three men were killed by one gang leader because they had been talking about the possibility of foreign military intervention, which Prime Minister Ariel Henry urgently requested in October to no avail amid a fuel terminal siege that shuttered gas stations and crippled life in Haiti. □

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# Malaysian leader wants tougher ASEAN pressure on Myanmar

By **GRANT PECK**

**Associated Press**

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim on Friday issued a strong call for fellow members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to take new measures to pressure the government of military-ruled Myanmar to end what he called "atrocities" against its own people.

Anwar, on a two-day official visit to Thailand, said in a speech to the Malaysian-Thai Chamber of Commerce that ASEAN members "have to be courageous enough to try and resolve" the crisis in Myanmar, which some U.N. experts have described as a civil war triggered by the army's seizure of power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi

in 2021.

Security forces have killed thousands of civilians and army sweeps through the countryside have displaced more than 1 million people from their homes. In 2017, a brutal counterinsur-

gency campaign against the Muslim Rohingya minority drove more than 740,000 to flee across the border to Bangladesh, where they remain in refugee camps.

Anwar said Myanmar has "every right" to have its

own domestic policies and priorities. "But no country in these times should ever continue with discriminatory policies, marginalization of their people or intimidating, or worse, perpetrating violence against your own people," he said.

ASEAN "will have to promote, suggest new mechanisms to make sure that these atrocities committed, perpetrated against their own people must end," Anwar said. The regional grouping "should be courageous enough to try and resolve this" because it should not tolerate such abuses and because the crisis drives large numbers of refugees to seek safety in other countries in the region, including Bangladesh, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

"It would be ideal if we have a strong consensus, and give a strong message to the Myanmar regime," Anwar said.

After the army's takeover, ASEAN came up with a five-point plan to try to help restore peace in Myanmar. It calls for the immediate cessation of violence, a dialogue among all parties, mediation by an ASEAN special envoy, provision of humanitarian aid and a visit to Myanmar by the special envoy to meet all sides. The military government initially agreed to it, but has since stymied efforts at its implementation.

ASEAN responded by refusing to let Myanmar's military leaders attend the group's main meetings, but that has failed to win their cooperation. □



**Malaysia's Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, left, and Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha arrive to review an honor guard during a welcoming ceremony at the Government House in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.**

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# Quake brings chance for Syria's Assad to ease isolation

By **KAREEM CHEHAYEB**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — On his first public visit touring the destruction wreaked by this week's deadly earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria, Syrian President Bashar Assad on Friday pointedly shamed the West for shunning his country. The embattled president may see the disaster, which shattered much of northern Syria, as an opportunity to push for an easing of his country's isolation — if not from the United States and the European Union, which have enforced sanctions for years over the long, brutal civil war, then from Arab nations.

"The West prioritized politics over the humanitarian situation," Assad told a group of reporters while visiting the Aleppo neighborhood of Masharqa, devastated by Monday's 7.8-magnitude quake. "It's natural that they politicize the situation, but there is no humanitarianism, neither now nor in the past."

Assad's carefully choreographed tour came five days after the quake hit, a contrast to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been visiting dev-



In this photo released by the official Syrian state news agency SANA, Syrian President Bashar Assad, second left, speaks with an Algerian rescue team at the site of destroyed buildings following devastating earthquake, in Aleppo province, Syria, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023.

**Associated Press**

astated parts of Turkey for several days. The tragedy presents a danger for Assad from the sheer weight of new misery the quake brings to Syrians. The country has been crippled by an economic crisis that has pulled 90% of its population into poverty. Now as many as 5.3 million people may have been left homeless in Syria by the disaster, the U.N. refugee

agency estimated. Major fighting in the 12-year-old civil war eased years ago, but Syrians have only seen conditions get worse. Many were already struggling to afford food and fuel for heating. Rising frustration has sparked rare protests and critical voices against Assad in government-held territory for the first time in a decade. Fail-

ure to deliver aid or recover from the quake could further stoke public discontent. The quake the world's deadliest in decades with more than 23,000 dead left widespread destruction across southeastern Turkey and northern Syria, both in the last rebel-held pocket of territory in the northwest and in swaths of government-held territory, particu-

larly the city of Aleppo. Officials in Assad's government claim American and European sanctions are obstructing delivery of aid to Syria and slowing down search and rescue operations to save families still trapped under the rubble. "Assad is trying to exploit the earthquakes to get out of international isolation," Lina Khatib, director of the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House, told The Associated Press.

"His regime's call for the lifting of sanctions is an attempt at de facto normalization with the international community," she added. The EU said Syria did not formally request aid until three days after the quake, and six member countries are sending help via the U.N.'s World Food Program. The U.S. said it has temporarily lifted sanctions that would hamper earthquake relief. Assad and Syrian officials have not commented. But the U.S. and the EU have made clear they will not end the sanctions imposed over Assad's crack-down on the opposition and his forces' brutal methods against rebels in the civil war. □

# Ethiopia's social media blocked amid church split tensions

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — Widespread tensions caused by a rift within Ethiopia's Orthodox Christian

church have resulted in the suspension of access to social media platforms including TikTok, Facebook

and Telegram. The internet observatory NetBlocks confirmed social media platforms had been "restricted in Ethiopia amid anti-government protests" as of Thursday evening. The church, which recently denounced a splinter group in the country's largest region as "illegal," has accused Ethiopia's government of interfering in its affairs. It has threatened to go forward with a rally on Sunday despite a government warning. Social media users were calling on church followers to take part. The division within the church, followed by the majority of Ethiopia's more than 110 million people, came after church members in Oromia

declared a new synod on Jan. 22, claiming a need to exercise their faith in local languages. The church ex-communicated several church officials who participated in the split. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has urged church members to solve their differences and said the government will not get involved. But many followers of the church are accusing the prime minister, an ethnic Oromo and a Protestant, of undermining the church and siding with the break-away synod. On Friday, the church said talks were ongoing between Abiy and the church patriarch over the controversy that has engulfed

many parts of the country. Earlier in the week, several dozen cities and towns, mostly in Oromia and the outskirts of the capital, Addis Ababa, saw sometimes violent rallies. On Friday, the government-appointed Ethiopian Human Rights Commission said at least eight people were killed by security forces in Shaashamane in the Oromia region on Saturday. It said many people were arrested. The government in a statement Thursday accused unnamed groups of aiming to "shake the government using armed violence." It said the government has begun "bringing to justice (those) who are taking part in the movement." □



Ethiopian Christians celebrate Timkat, or Epiphany, a colorful festival celebrated all over Ethiopia to commemorate the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on Jan. 19, 2023.

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## Minister Geoffrey Wever: 5.9 million florin NSS project is in full swing



(Oranjestad)—Minister of Economic Relations, Communication and Sustainable Development, Mr. Geoffrey Wever, opened for the first NSS seminar “Building a modern National Statistical System—Emerging data needs for monitoring sustainable development”. Minister Geoffrey Wever is implementing the National Statistic system (NSS), in which it is important for stakeholders to be well-informed about what the NSS will mean in practice, and

what the benefits of this system are.

This seminar was attended by various members of the Aruban Parliament, public and private sectors, and NGOs, all whom have shown an interest and support for the NSS. Minister Wever is glad that Aruba is getting the support from renowned international organizations like the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and United Nations Economic Commission for

Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC) in the implementation of this new system.

Mr. Gabriel Gamez of the UNSD is an expert in implementing NSS's in different countries around the world, and underlines that citizens and users are central to the NSS.

Minister Geoffrey Wever explained that the NSS is a key mechanism that Aruba needs for the mod-



ernization of the economic foundation, and for the insurance of a sustainable future for the island and future generations.

The Sustainable Development Goals Framework also states that the NSS is an essential system for sustainable development. The NSS is also a part of the effort to implement SDGs.

In the fast-paced world we currently live in, data and information play a crucial role in decision making, planning and management development. Even though that is the case, sometimes data are left incomplete or unreliable, which make the challenges ahead blurry. The NSS fo-

cuses on fixing this issue by providing users high quality, up-to-date and impartial data in order to make decisions based on reliable information.

“By implementing the NSS, Aruba will have the necessary data to monitor our progress, identify areas that need improvement and make decisions based on reliable information, which benefit the citizens. I’m glad to see the positive reception for this seminar and I’d like to thank those who attended. I’m sure that with this established foundation, we can work together to create a better and prosperous future for Aruba,” Minister Wever concluded. □

## Schools in Oranjestad organize beautiful light parade for the children



(Oranjestad)—In the afternoon to evening hours yesterday, a school-organized light parade took place in Oranjestad. Three schools in the area joined forces and organized a light parade for their students in the streets of the island's capital.

Imelda Kindergarten, along with Rosario and St. Rosa elementary school, were the three schools that participated in the festive parade. A parade filled with lights, creativity, and great carnival ambience, during which the children were able to enjoy and have fun safely.

Many parents and spectators were present behind barricades to give support to the kids, and to also enjoy the festivities accompanied by music provided by local carnival group Youth Xtreme.



standby during this mini-parade. □

It's also worth mentioning that St. Rosa elementary is celebrating their 160th anniversary this year. In this way, the school was able to also celebrate their own achievement.

Police opened the streets so students and teacher could enjoy their night worrisless. EMS (Even Medical Services) was also on





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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Aruba Beach club Resort

**EAGLE BEACH** - Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority representative Ms. Olga Ruiz had the great pleasure in honoring many loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".

The honoree was Audrey Barnish from New Jersey, United States who has been honored as Emerald Ambassador.

This symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.

This lovely visitor expressed that the top reasons for



returning to Aruba is the friendly people, the amazing weather, the warm breeze, delicious restaurants and the water.

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of Aruba Beach Club bestowed the Ambassador certification to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and their home-away-from-home. □



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## Prime Minister presented a pin to each monarch of carnival 69



**ORANJESTAD – On February 5, 2023, the transfer of command of our Carnival royalty took place at the government building.**

The government of Aruba organized this beautiful event where the colors and creativity of our Carnival people showed majestically.

Every Prins and Pancho,

queen, little, youth, and adult attended the ceremony. The union of our monarch stood out with positivism and joy.

Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes presented each carnival monarch with a flag of Aruba pin as a symbol of gratitude for exalting our carnival and strengthening our union. □



## Fruit Loose

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mango's hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

### Mispel

This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year-round.

### Kenepa

Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

### Druif

There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

### Shimaruku

Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimaruku. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarukus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

### Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March. □





**Luna Foundation:****“We need more volunteers. More volunteers mean more rescued dogs”**

(Oranjestad)—From the time she arrives on the property at 8am up to 6pm, Zoey is still seen taking care of her sanctuary, making sure the dogs and animals are getting enough care. The Luna Foundation is a well-known organization on the island for its beautiful work and dedication for mistreated or abandoned dogs. In an interview with Bon Dia Aruba, founder and president of the Luna Foundation, Zoey Konijn, shared how the foundation is currently running and what is in store for this year.

Konijn expressed that this year started with an expansion of the sanctuary. The property expanded and the goal of this was to finally construct the retirement home for old dogs, and a yard for the puppies to play it.

She also remarked that there has been a hospital on the property since last year, but which only became active this year. This hospital is only meant for the dogs on the property.

“If they ever get sick, we don’t need to take them



to the vet, because we have our hospital. The only problem is we don’t have a stay-in veterinarian, but the local vet comes to the hospital when needed,” she indicated.

She explained that they also have a nursery for

dogs in labor. The Luna Foundation does not actually pick up pregnant dogs from the streets; they mostly only pick up dogs that have been abused by their owner. However, they do see pregnant dogs roam the streets sometimes, and they help. Their nursery has three cages where the dogs can peacefully give birth.

“The plan for this year is to start building the retirement home for the older dogs, and to make sure we take in more puppies, because other organizations are out of space. We want to help where we can,” Konijn expressed.

To achieve this though, they need volunteers. The topic of volunteers remains a problem and Konijn highlights that many people ask for help but no one offers help to the organization that are in need of more



assistance with the dogs. “More volunteers mean more rescued dogs.”

The Luna Foundation currently houses 100 dogs, and Konijn says that she is on the property every day, with others or even alone. “It’s a lot of work. I’m not complaining though, I love my work, but it’s not easy. The more volunteers we can get to help us in here, the more dogs we can help out there,” she expressed.

In terms of funding, the foundation has been receiving donations from Renaissance Marketplace for two consecutive years now. Konijn explained that they work every day, from 6pm to 10pm, and the funds they collected from kids, parents and even tourists all go to the foundation.

“We work hard for this, and Arubans showed up. The island came together and

showed us their support for our work, and with that fund, we can make the property even bigger,” she indicated.

The Luna Foundation is one of the 5 foundations that have joined forced to create the AWAA foundation. The task of the Luna Foundation is to provide education. This includes going to neighborhoods and schools to education the public on how to handle their pets.

Konijn also pointed out that they need volunteers for this task too, a problem that cannot be swept under the rug after one week-end of volunteering events. “When Aruba Doet takes place, everyone is willing to help, but the foundation needs help all year round, not just that one weekend. The more volunteers we have, the more the foundation can do,” she added. □





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE LOVE WE GIVE AWAY IS THE ONLY LOVE WE KEEP. — ELBERT HUBBARD

## Chicken farmers say their eggs could help reduce prices

By JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — U.S.

chicken producers want to do their part to bring down current soaring egg prices by selling their 400 million surplus eggs to food producers.

But first they have to convince the FDA to change the rule that prevents eggs laid by chickens in the meat industry to be used for human consumption.

Egg prices have surged over the past year thanks to the ongoing bird flu outbreak and the highest inflation in decades, prompting calls for a price-gouging investigation. The national average retail price of a dozen eggs hit \$4.25 in December, up from \$1.79 a year earlier, according to the latest government data. The National Chicken Council trade group submitted a formal petition to the Food and Drug Administration Thursday asking officials to drop a rule passed



Red Star chickens roost in their coop, Jan. 10, 2023, at Historic Wagner Farm in Glenview, Ill.

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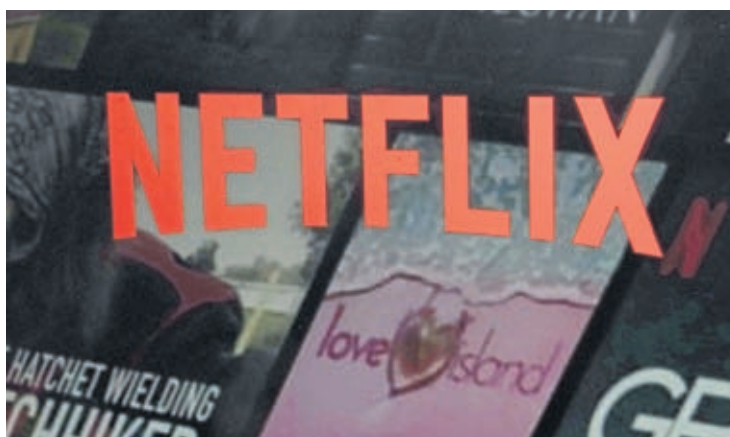
in 2009 that keeps chicken producers from selling their excess eggs because they aren't refrigerated right away.

"Already faced with record egg prices, consumers might be hit even harder in their wallets as we head into the Easter season unless FDA provides us with a pathway to put these eggs to good use," said Ashley Peterson, the trade group's senior vice president of sci-

entific and regulatory affairs.

The bird flu outbreak has had an outsized impact on egg prices because more than 43 million of the 58 million birds that have been slaughtered to help control the spread of the virus have been egg-laying hens. But egg farmers have also been grappling with high feed, fuel and labor costs that have contributed to the rising prices. □

## Netflix steps up its effort to get paid for account sharing



The Netflix logo is shown in this photo from the company's website on Feb. 2, 2023, in New York.

Associated Press

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Business Writer

Netflix has a plan to deal with rampant account sharing: a program that lets subscribers pay extra to share their account with people outside their household.

The streaming giant introduced paid sharing in Canada, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain on Wednesday. It was previously rolled out in multiple markets in Latin America.

While Netflix won't say when paid sharing will come to other countries, some version of the plan is expected to be introduced in the U.S. in the next few weeks. Around one-third of Netflix's subscribers live in the U.S. and Canada.

Netflix has more than 231 million paid subscribers in 190 countries. □

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# Jupiter's moon count jumps to 92, most in solar system

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — Astronomers have discovered 12 new moons around Jupiter, putting the total count at a record-breaking 92.

That's more than any other planet in our solar system. Saturn, the one-time leader, comes in a close second with 83 confirmed moons.

The Jupiter moons were added recently to a list kept by the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center, said Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution, who was part of the team.

They were discovered using telescopes in Hawaii and Chile in 2021 and 2022, and their orbits were confirmed with follow-up observations.

These newest moons range in size from 0.6 miles to 2 miles (1 kilometer to 3 kilometers), according to Sheppard.

"I hope we can image one of these outer moons close-up in the near future to better determine their origins," he said in an email Friday.

In April, the European Space Agency is sending a spacecraft to Jupiter to study the planet and some of its biggest, icy moons. And next year, NASA will launch the Europa Clipper to explore Jupiter's moon of the same name, which could harbor an ocean beneath its frozen crust.

Sheppard who discovered a slew of moons around Saturn a few years ago and has taken part in 70 moon discoveries so far around Jupiter expects to keep adding to the lunar tally of both gas giants.

Jupiter and Saturn are loaded with small moons, believed to be fragments of once bigger moons that collided with one another or with comets or asteroids, Sheppard said. The same goes for Uranus and Neptune, but they're so distant that it makes moon-spot-



This photo made available by NASA shows the planet Jupiter, captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, on June 27, 2019.  
Associated Press

ting even harder.

For the record, Uranus has 27 confirmed moons, Neptune 14, Mars two and Earth one. Venus and Mercury come up empty.

Jupiter's newly discov-

ered moons have yet to be named. Sheppard said only half of them are big enough at least 1 mile (1.5 kilometers) or so to warrant a name. □

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# Spring training's start brings pitch clocks, shift limits

By **RONALD BLUM**  
 AP Baseball Writer

**PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)**

— Jeff McNeil thinks he'll adapt quickly to baseball's big shift — really, an anti-shift.

"I'm playing a normal second base now instead of in short right field. I've been playing second base my whole life so it shouldn't be too hard to adjust to," the New York Mets All-Star infielder and big league batting champion said.

Spring training opens Monday in Florida and Arizona for players reporting early ahead of the World Baseball Classic, and the rest of pitchers and catchers will start workouts two days later.

Following an offseason of record spending in which the New York Mets approached a \$370 million payroll, opening day on March 30 will feature three of the biggest changes since the pitcher's mound was lowered for the 1969 season:

Two infielders will be required on either side of second base and all infielders must be within the outer boundary of the infield when the pitcher is on the rubber.

Base size will increase to 18-inch squares from 15 inches, causing a decreased distance of 4 1/2 inches.



A pitch clock is deployed to restrict pitcher preparation times during a minor league baseball game between the Brooklyn Cyclones and Greensboro Grasshoppers, on July 13, 2022, in the Coney Island neighborhood of the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Associated Press

A pitch clock will be used, set at 15 seconds with no runners on base and 20 seconds with runners.

"This has been an eight-year effort for us," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said Thursday, thinking back to when the first experiments were formulated. "I hope we get what our fans want faster, more action, more athleticism."

Spring training started a month late last year because of the lockout, and many players scrambled for deals as camps opened. This offseason has proceeded more normally and some of the focus will be on stars with new homes: Jacob deGrom (Texas), Justin Verlander (New York Mets), Trea Turner (Philadelphia) and Xander Bogaerts (San Diego).

Some teams also have new bosses in Bruce Bochy (Texas), Matt Quatraro (Kansas City), Pedro Grifol (Chicago White Sox) and Skip Schumaker (Miami). What they face is far different from the challenges thrown at John McGraw and Connie Mack, or even Earl Weaver and Billy Martin.

Baseball's timelessness spanned a century and a half in a sport obsessed with its sepia-toned history of flannel-clad pioneers. "In baseball, there's no clock," Richard Greenberg wrote in his Tony Award-

winning play "Take Me Out." "What could be more generous than to give everyone all these opportunities and the time to seize them in, as well?" Turns out, all those dead minutes became an annoyance in an age of decreased attention spans and increased entertainment competition.

The average time of a nine-inning game stretched from 2 hours, 30 minutes in the mid-1950s to 2:46 in 1989 and 3:10 in 2021 before dropping to 3:04 last year following the introduction of the PitchCom electronic device to signal pitches.

"Pitch clock, I'm thrilled about," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said. "Speed the game up. They get too long. If we're playing the Red Sox or playing the Yankees, they turn into four-hour ballgames."

Use of a slightly stricter clock in the minors (14/19 at Triple-A and 14/18 at lower levels) cut the average game time from 3:03 in 2021 to 2:38 last year.

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# Tiger Woods returns to Riviera to play 1st event of the year

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
 AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods is returning to competition for the first time without the use of a cart since July, announcing Friday he will play at the Genesis Invitational in Los Angeles.

Woods was hopeful of playing next week's tournament at Riviera, where he is the host of an event that typically had the strongest field of the West Coast swing even before it became elevated with a \$20 million purse.

The uncertainty came from a bout with plantar fasciitis as he was preparing to play in December. That

kept him from playing in his Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. He played a made-for-TV exhibition over 12 holes and the PNC Championship with his son. Both times he was allowed to ride in a cart.

Carts are not allowed on the PGA Tour Casey Martin used one under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Woods has said he was not interested in using one to play at the highest level. "I'm ready to play an ACTUAL PGA Tour event next week," Woods said on Twitter, a reference to playing only three majors last year. It will be his first regular PGA Tour event since Oct. 25,

2020, when he tied for 72nd against a 78-man field in his title defense of the Zozo



Tiger Woods tees off of the 3rd hole during the final round of the PNC Championship golf tournament on Dec. 18, 2022, in Orlando, Fla.

Associated Press

Championship. The tournament had moved that year from Japan to Sherwood

Country Club in California because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Woods has said he can hit all the shots, "I just can't get from Point A to Point B." That he can play next week is an encouraging sign that he will return to the Masters in April, although missing the Bahamas was an indication Woods doesn't entirely control when his legs and feet will act up. Woods was recovering from a fifth back surgery in February 2021 when he crashed his SUV on a coastal road in Los Angeles two days after the Genesis Invitational, suffering multiple fractures of his right leg and ankle.



# Chiefs face Eagles in heavyweight matchup in Super Bowl

**By The Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA (16-3) vs KANSAS CITY (16-3) at Glendale, Arizona

Sunday, 6:30 p.m. EST, Fox  
FANDUEL SPORTSBOK NFL  
LINE: Eagles by 1 1/2.

AGAINST THE SPREAD: Eagles 10-9, Chiefs 7-11-1.

SERIES RECORD: Chiefs lead 5-4.

LAST MEETING: Chiefs defeated the Eagles 42-30 on Oct. 3, 2021, in Philadelphia.

LAST WEEK: Eagles defeated 49ers 31-7; Chiefs beat Bengals, 23-20.

EAGLES OFFENSE: OVERALL (3), RUSH (5), PASS (9), SCORING (3).

EAGLES DEFENSE: OVERALL (2), RUSH (T16), PASS (1), SCORING (8).

CHIEFS OFFENSE: OVERALL (1), RUSH (20), PASS (1), SCORING (1)

CHIEFS DEFENSE: OVERALL (11), RUSH (8), PASS (18), SCORING (16)

TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL: Eagles plus-8; Chiefs minus-3.

**EAGLES PLAYER TO WATCH:**

QB Jalen Hurts, 24, will try to become the fourth starting QB younger than 25 to win the Super Bowl. The Eagles went 16-1 when Hurts started, losing two games when he was sidelined by a injured shoulder late in the season. Hurts set an NFL record for QBs with 15 TD runs in the regular season and playoffs, while also ranking



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, left, and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes shake hands during the NFL football Super Bowl 57 opening night, Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, in Phoenix. The Kansas City Chiefs will play the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Associated Press

tied for first in the NFL this season with 11 TD passes on throws at least 20 yards downfield.

**CHIEFS PLAYER TO WATCH:**

TE Travis Kelce is healthy after playing through the aftermath of back spasms against Cincinnati in the AFC title game. He still had seven catches for 78 yards and a score.

The Chiefs lost three wide receivers in that game to injuries, and while JuJu Smith-Schuster (knee) and Kadarius Toney (ankle) will be available, Kelce is still the Chiefs' best pass-catching option. He

caught a career-best 110 passes for 1,338 yards and 12 touchdowns in the regular season. The only player with more playoff TD catches than Kelce's 15 is Hall of Famer Jerry Rice.

**KEY MATCHUP:** Eagles DE

Haason Reddick vs. Chiefs RT Andrew Wylie. Reddick had 16 sacks in the regular season and 3 1/2 more so far in the playoffs as the dominant force on a strong defensive line for Philadelphia. He will mostly be matched up with Wylie, whose nine sacks allowed in the regular season were tied for fourth most in the

NFL, according to Pro Football Focus.

**KEY INJURIES:** Both teams are relatively healthy. Eagles CB Avonte Maddox (toe) returned in a limited role in the NFC title game and should be full go in the Super Bowl.

Chiefs CB L'Jarius Sneed left the AFC championship game with a concussion but has cleared protocol and is set to play Sunday.

**SERIES NOTES:** The Chiefs have won all three meetings against the Eagles under Andy Reid, who also went 3-0 against Kansas City during his tenure as

Philadelphia coach. ... Patrick Mahomes threw five TD passes with only six incomplete passes against the Eagles last season. Jalen Hurts threw for a career-high 387 yards that game for Philadelphia.

**STATS AND STUFF:** This marks the sixth time since the 1970 merger that the two teams with sole possession of the top two records in the regular season played in the Super Bowl. ... The Eagles are playing in their fourth Super Bowl in franchise history. They lost their first two trips and won it all in the 2017 season against New England.

The Chiefs are playing in their third Super Bowl in four seasons. They beat the 49ers in 2020 before losing to the Buccaneers the following year. Kansas City also won the 1970 Super Bowl. Philadelphia will become the fifth franchise to reach the Super Bowl under at least four coaches.

The Eagles became the fifth team to win their divisional round and conference championship games by at least 20 points. The other four teams all followed it up with a Super Bowl victory, with San Francisco doing it in 1988 and '89, Chicago in 1985 and Pittsburgh in 1978. Philadelphia had a franchise-record 70 sacks in the regular season and eight more in the playoffs. □

## Siakam, Edwards, Fox added to NBA All-Star Game roster



Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) passes the ball as San Antonio Spurs guard Malaki Branham (22) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, in Toronto.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Toronto forward Pascal Siakam, Minnesota guard Anthony Edwards and Sacramento guard De'Aaron Fox have been added to the player pool for the All-Star Game as injury replacements.

Commissioner Adam Silver's office announced the picks Friday, after they were first reported by ESPN.

Siakam, Edwards and Fox replace Golden State's Stephen Curry, New Orleans' Zion Williamson and Phoenix's Kevin Durant all of whom are injured and will be unable to play in the Feb. 19 game at Salt Lake City.

It's the second All-Star selection for Siakam, and the first for Edwards and Fox.

Curry, Williamson and Durant were all selected as starters for the game. Those starting spots will now go to Philadelphia's Joel Embiid, Utah's Lauri Markkanen and Memphis' Ja Morant, the NBA said.

All-Star starters are chosen in a weighted vote that takes into account fan, media and player balloting. All-Star reserves are chosen by NBA coaches. Injury replacements are selected by Silver.

The rosters for the game will be chosen by captains LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers and Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks shortly before tip-off. This is the sixth year that the NBA has used the captain-draft format for the game, but the first time that those selections will be made on game day. □



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